



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Ryuji HAMADA et al.**

Art Unit: **4162**

Application Number: **10/589,360**

Examiner: **Colin Slifka**

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For: **CORROSION RESISTANT RARE EARTH MAGNETS AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF**

Attorney Docket Number: **062894**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 13, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2008.

In the Office Action, restriction is required between Group I (Claims 1-5); Group II (Claims 6-11) and Group III (Claims 12-16).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group II (Claims 6-11) for prosecution in this application. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that a thorough search and examination of the elected group would necessarily encompass the search and examination of the other groups. As such, the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is requested that this policy be followed to avoid undue expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Office.

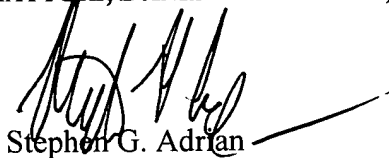
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen G. Adrian", is written over the printed name.

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